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Application No. 09/980,444

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Amended) A closure device comprising:
interlocking fastening strips; and
a slider member slidably disposed on the interlocking fastening strips, the slider member facilitating the occlusion of the interlocking fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof, the slider member including a main body portion and a door portion which is hingedly attached to the main body portion along a hinge portion for movement between open and closed positions, the hinge portion being substantially perpendicular to the interlocking fastening strips when the main body portion is installed upon the fastening strips, the door portion of the slider member includes a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder disposed at a lower end of the first side surface, the first side surface is spaced-apart from the main body portion when said door portion is in the open position and is adjacent to the main body portion when said door portion is in the closed position.
2. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 1 wherein the slider member has a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the fastening strips.
3. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 2 wherein the fastening strips have a width and the slider member has a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, said second gap is less than the width of the fastening strips.
4. (Previously Amended) The invention as in claim 1 wherein the fastening strips have a longitudinal X axis, a Y axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and a Z axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and the Y axis, the main body portion is parallel to the X axis, and the hinge portion is parallel to the Z axis.

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5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Amended) The invention as in claim 1 wherein the main body portion includes a transverse body segment arranged substantially perpendicular to the main body portion and having a pair of downwardly extending side members with an opening therebetween, the opening being sized to receive the interlocking fastening strips.

8. (Original) The invention as in claim 7 wherein the first side surface is adjacent to the main body portion and the second side surface is adjacent to said transverse body segment when said door portion is in the closed position.

9. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 1 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, said second door portion including a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder at a lower end of the first side surface.

10. (Original) The invention as in claim 9 wherein each of said door portions includes a notch which is proximal to its hinge portion.

11. (Original) The invention as in claim 10 wherein the notches provide a first gap between the door portions when in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the interlocking fastening strips.

12. (Original) The invention as in claim 9 wherein the shoulders of the door portions are separated by a second gap when the door portions are in the closed position, the second gap being less than the width of the interlocking fastening strips.

13. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 1 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, a third door portion and a fourth door portion, each of said door portions including a side surface and a shoulder at a lower end of the side surface.

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14. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 7 wherein said slider member includes a second transverse body segment.

15. (Original) The invention as in claim 14 wherein said first transverse body segment being arranged at a first end of the main body portion and said second transverse body segment is at a second end of the main body portion.

16. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 14 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, a third door portion and a fourth door portion, each door portion including a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder at a lower end of the first side surface.

17. (Original) The invention as in claim 16 wherein the first side surface is adjacent to the main body portion and the second side surface is adjacent to one of the two transverse body segments when the door portions are in the closed position.

18. (Previously Amended) The invention as in claim 1, wherein the main body portion includes a downwardly extending side leg segment disposed along a side thereof and a transverse body segment disposed at an end thereof, the side leg segment having a shoulder at a lower end thereof and the transverse body segment having a pair of spaced-apart side members with an opening therebetween.

19. (Original) The invention as in claim 18 wherein the door portion includes a notch which is proximal to its hinge portion.

20. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim ~~18~~19 wherein the notch of the door portion and the side leg segment of the main body portion are separated by a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, the first gap being large enough to receive the interlocking fastening strips.

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21. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim ~~18-19~~ wherein the shoulder of the side wall surface and the shoulder of the leg segment are separated by a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, the second gap being less than the width of the interlocking fastening strips.

22. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position.

23. (Original) The invention as in claim 22 wherein the latching mechanism comprises an appendage projecting outwardly from said door portion and a cooperating notch formed in the main body portion, the appendage having a barb at its distal end, the notch of the latching mechanism capturing the barb of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved into the closed position.

24. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position and the main body portion includes a transverse body segment.

25. (Original) The invention as in claim 24 wherein the latching mechanism comprises a protuberance formed along said transverse body segment of the main body portion and a cooperating chamfer formed along an edge of said door portion, the protuberance of the latching mechanism interlockingly engaging the chamfer of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved into the closed position.

26. (Original) The invention as in claim 24 wherein the latching mechanism comprises a generally arcuate appendage projecting outwardly from said door portion and a generally arcuate cooperating slot formed in said transverse body segment of the main body portion, the slot of the latching mechanism having a first notch formed along its length and the appendage of the latching mechanism having a first barb formed along its length, the slot of the latching mechanism receiving the appendage of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved toward the closed position while said first barb of the appendage

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interacts with said first notch of the slot to provide a first assembly position for said door portion.

27. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 26 wherein said slot includes a second notch and said first barb interacts with said second notch to provide a second assembly position for said door portion.

28. (Original) The invention as in claim 26 wherein said first assembly position is a closed position.

29. (Original) The invention as in claim 27 wherein said second assembly position is an open position.

30. (Original) The invention as in claim 27 wherein said appendage having a second barb and said second barb interacts with said second notch in said second assembly position.

31. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise U-channel type fastening strips.

32. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise shear action fastening strips.

33. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise arrowhead-type fastening strips.

34. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise rolling action fastening strips.

35. (Original) The invention as in claim 1 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise profile fastening strips.

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36. (Previously Amended) A slider member adapted to facilitate the occlusion of interlocking fastening strips, the slider member comprising:

a main body portion which is adapted to be installed upon the interlocking fastening strips; and

a door portion which is hingedly attached to the main body portion along a hinge portion for movement between open and closed positions, the hinge portion being substantially perpendicular to the interlocking fastening strips when the main body portion is installed upon the fastening strips, the door portion of the slider member includes a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder disposed at a lower end of the first side surface, the first side surface is spaced-apart from the main body portion when said door portion is in the open position and is adjacent to the main body portion when said door portion is in the closed position.

37. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 36 wherein the slider member has a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the fastening strips.

38. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 37 wherein the fastening strips have a width and the slider member has a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, said second gap is less than the width of the fastening strips.

39. (Presently Amended) The invention as in claim 36 wherein the fastening strips have a longitudinal X axis, a Y axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and a Z axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and the Y axis, the main body portion is parallel to the X axis, and the hinge portion is parallel to the Z axis.

40. (Cancelled)

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42. (Previously Amended) The invention as in claim 36 wherein the main body portion includes a transverse body segment arranged substantially perpendicular to the main body portion and having a pair of downwardly extending side members with an opening therebetween, the opening being sized to receive the interlocking fastening strips.

43. (Original) The invention as in claim 42 wherein the first side surface is adjacent to the main body portion and the second side surface is adjacent to said transverse body segment when said door portion is in the closed position.

44. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 36 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, said second door portion including a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder at a lower end of the first side surface.

45. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 36 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, a third door portion and a fourth door portion, each of said door portions including a side surface and a shoulder at a lower end of the side surface.

46. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 42 wherein said slider member includes a second transverse body segment.

47. (Original) The invention as in claim 46 wherein said first transverse body segment being arranged at a first end of the main body portion and said second transverse body segment is at a second end of the main body portion.

48. (Previously Amended) The invention as in claim 36, wherein the main body portion includes a downwardly extending side leg segment disposed along a side thereof and a transverse body segment disposed at an end thereof, the side leg segment having a shoulder at a lower end thereof and the transverse body segment having a pair of spaced-apart side members with an opening therebetween.

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49. (Original) The invention as in claim 36 wherein the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position.

50. (Previously Amended) A storage container comprising:
a pair of complementary sheets;
a first fastening strip disposed along an edge portion of one sheet;
a second fastening strip disposed along an edge portion of the other sheet and disposed to interlockingly engage the first fastening strip; and
a slider member slidably disposed on the first and second fastening strips, the slider member facilitating the occlusion of the interlocking fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof, the slider member including a main body portion and a door portion which is hingedly attached to the main body portion along a hinge portion for movement between open and closed positions, the hinge portion being substantially perpendicular to the interlocking fastening strips when the main body portion is installed upon the fastening strips, the door portion of the slider member includes a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder disposed at a lower end of the first side surface, the first side surface is spaced-apart from the main body portion when said door portion is in the open position and is adjacent to the main body portion when said door portion is in the closed position.

51. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 50 wherein the slider member has a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the fastening strips.

52. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 51 wherein the fastening strips have a width and the slider member has a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, said second gap is less than the width of the fastening strips.

53. (Previously Amended) The invention as in claim 50 wherein the fastening strips have a longitudinal X axis, a Y axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and a Z axis which

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is perpendicular to the X axis and the Y axis, the main body portion is parallel to the X axis, and the hinge portion is parallel to the Z axis.

54. (Cancelled)

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56. (Previously Amended) The invention as in claim 50 wherein the main body portion includes a transverse body segment arranged substantially perpendicular to the main body portion and having a pair of downwardly extending side members with an opening therebetween, the opening being sized to receive the interlocking fastening strips.

57. (Original) The invention as in claim 56 wherein the first side surface is adjacent to the main body portion and the second side surface is adjacent to said transverse body segment when said door portion is in the closed position.

58. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 50 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, said second door portion including a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder at a lower end of the first side surface.

59. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 50 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, a third door portion and a fourth door portion, each of said door portions including a side surface and a shoulder at a lower end of the side surface.

60. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 56 wherein said slider member includes a second transverse body segment.

61. (Original) The invention as in claim 60 wherein said first transverse body segment being arranged at a first end of the main body portion and said second transverse body segment is at a second end of the main body portion.

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62. (Previously Amended) The invention as in claim 50, wherein the main body portion includes a downwardly extending side leg segment disposed along a side thereof and a transverse body segment disposed at an end thereof, the side leg segment having a shoulder at a lower end thereof and the transverse body segment having a pair of spaced-apart side members with an opening therebetween.

63. (Original) The invention as in claim 50 wherein the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position.

64. (Previously Amended) A method for manufacturing a closure device comprising the steps of:
providing interlocking fastening strips;
providing a slider member including a main body portion and a door portion which is hingedly attached to the main body portion along a hinge portion for movement between open and closed positions, the hinge portion being substantially perpendicular to the interlocking fastening strips when the main body portion is installed upon the fastening strips;
and

positioning the slider member on the interlocking fastening strips when the door portion is in the open position and closing the door portion after the slider member is on the interlocking fastening strips, the slider member is slidably disposed on the interlocking fastening strips, the slider member facilitating the occlusion of the interlocking fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof, the door portion of the slider member includes a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder disposed at a lower end of the first side surface, the first side surface is spaced-apart from the main body portion when said door portion is in the open position and is adjacent to the main body portion when said door portion is in the closed position.

65. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 64 wherein the slider member has a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the fastening strips.

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66. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 65 wherein the fastening strips have a width and the slider member has a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, said second gap is less than the width of the fastening strips.

67. (Previously Amended) The invention as in claim 64 wherein the fastening strips have a longitudinal X axis, a Y axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and a Z axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and the Y axis, the main body portion is parallel to the X axis, and the hinge portion is parallel to the Z axis.

68. (Cancelled)

69. (Cancelled)

70. (Previously Amended) The invention as in claim 64 wherein the main body portion includes a transverse body segment arranged substantially perpendicular to the main body portion and having a pair of downwardly extending side members with an opening therebetween, the opening being sized to receive the interlocking fastening strips.

71. (Original) The invention as in claim 70 wherein the first side surface is adjacent to the main body portion and the second side surface is adjacent to said transverse body segment when said door portion is in the closed position.

72. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 64 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, said second door portion including a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder at a lower end of the first side surface.

73. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 64 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, a third door portion and a fourth door portion, each of said door portions including a side surface and a shoulder at a lower end of the side surface.

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74. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 70 wherein said slider member includes a second transverse body segment.

75. (Original) The invention as in claim 74 wherein said first transverse body segment being arranged at a first end of the main body portion and said second transverse body segment is at a second end of the main body portion.

76. (Previously Amended) The invention as in claim 64, wherein the main body portion includes a downwardly extending side leg segment disposed along a side thereof and a transverse body segment disposed at an end thereof, the side leg segment having a shoulder at a lower end thereof and the transverse body segment having a pair of spaced-apart side members with an opening therebetween.

77. (Original) The invention as in claim 64 wherein the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position.

78. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 50 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise U-channel type fastening strips.

79. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 50 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise shear action fastening strips.

80. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 50 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise arrowhead-type fastening strips.

81. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 50 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise rolling action fastening strips.

82. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 50 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise profile fastening strips.

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83. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 64 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise U-channel type fastening strips.

84. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 64 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise shear action fastening strips.

85. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 64 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise arrowhead-type fastening strips.

86. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 64 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise rolling action fastening strips.

87. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 64 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise profile fastening strips.

88. (Previously Presented) A closure device comprising:
interlocking fastening strips; and

a slider member slidably disposed on the interlocking fastening strips, the slider member facilitating the occlusion of the interlocking fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof, the slider member including a main body portion and a door portion which is hingedly attached to the main body portion along a hinge portion for movement between open and closed positions, the hinge portion being substantially perpendicular to the interlocking fastening strips when the main body portion is installed upon the fastening strips, the door portion of the slider member includes a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder disposed at a lower end of the first side surface, the main body portion includes a transverse body segment arranged substantially perpendicular to the main body portion and having a pair of downwardly extending side members with an opening therebetween, the opening being sized to receive the interlocking fastening strips.

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89. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 88 wherein the slider member has a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the fastening strips.

90. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 89 wherein the fastening strips have a width and the slider member has a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, said second gap is less than the width of the fastening strips.

91. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 88 wherein the fastening strips have a longitudinal X axis, a Y axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and a Z axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and the Y axis, the main body portion is parallel to the X axis, and the hinge portion is parallel to the Z axis.

92. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 88 wherein the first side surface is adjacent to the main body portion and the second side surface is adjacent to said transverse body segment when said door portion is in the closed position.

93. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 88 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, said second door portion including a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder at a lower end of the first side surface.

94. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 93 wherein each of said door portions includes a notch which is proximal to its hinge portion.

95. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 94 wherein the notches provide a first gap between the door portions when in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the interlocking fastening strips.

96. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 88 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, a third door portion and a fourth door portion, each of said door portions including a side surface and a shoulder at a lower end of the side surface.

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97. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 88 wherein said slider member includes a second transverse body segment.

98. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 97 wherein said first transverse body segment being arranged at a first end of the main body portion and said second transverse body segment is at a second end of the main body portion.

99. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 97 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, a third door portion and a fourth door portion, each door portion including a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder at a lower end of the first side surface.

100. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 88, wherein the main body portion includes a downwardly extending side leg segment disposed along a side thereof, the side leg segment having a shoulder at a lower end thereof.

101. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 100 wherein the door portion includes a notch which is proximal to its hinge portion.

102. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 100 wherein the shoulder of the side wall surface and the shoulder of the leg segment are separated by a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, the second gap being less than the width of the interlocking fastening strips.

103. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 88 wherein the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position.

104. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 103 wherein the latching mechanism comprises an appendage projecting outwardly from said door portion and a cooperating notch formed in the main body portion, the appendage having a barb at its distal

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end, the notch of the latching mechanism capturing the barb of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved into the closed position.

105. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 88 wherein the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position.

106. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 105 wherein the latching mechanism comprises a protuberance formed along said transverse body segment of the main body portion and a cooperating chamfer formed along an edge of said door portion, the protuberance of the latching mechanism interlockingly engaging the chamfer of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved into the closed position.

107. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 105 wherein the latching mechanism comprises a generally arcuate appendage projecting outwardly from said door portion and a generally arcuate cooperating slot formed in said transverse body segment of the main body portion, the slot of the latching mechanism having a first notch formed along its length and the appendage of the latching mechanism having a first barb formed along its length, the slot of the latching mechanism receiving the appendage of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved toward the closed position while said first barb of the appendage interacts with said first notch of the slot to provide a first assembly position for said door portion.

108. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 107 wherein said slot includes a second notch and said first barb interacts with said second notch to provide a second assembly position for said door portion.

109. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 107 wherein said first assembly position is a closed position.

110. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 108 wherein said second assembly position is an open position.

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111. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 88 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise U-channel type fastening strips.

112. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 88 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise shear action fastening strips.

113. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 88 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise arrowhead-type fastening strips.

114. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 88 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise rolling action fastening strips.

115. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 88 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise profile fastening strips.

116. (Previously Presented) A slider member adapted to facilitate the occlusion of interlocking fastening strips, the slider member comprising:

a main body portion which is adapted to be installed upon the interlocking fastening strips; and

a door portion which is hingedly attached to the main body portion along a hinge portion for movement between open and closed positions, the hinge portion being substantially perpendicular to the interlocking fastening strips when the main body portion is installed upon the fastening strips, the door portion of the slider member includes a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder disposed at a lower end of the first side surface, the main body portion includes a transverse body segment arranged substantially perpendicular to the main body portion and having a pair of downwardly extending side members with an opening therebetween, the opening being sized to receive the interlocking fastening strips.

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117. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 116 wherein the slider member has a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the fastening strips.

118. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 117 wherein the fastening strips have a width and the slider member has a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, said second gap is less than the width of the fastening strips.

119. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 116 wherein the fastening strips have a longitudinal X axis, a Y axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and a Z axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and the Y axis, the main body portion is parallel to the X axis, and the hinge portion is parallel to the Z axis.

120. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 116 wherein the first side surface is adjacent to the main body portion and the second side surface is adjacent to said transverse body segment when said door portion is in the closed position.

121. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 116 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, said second door portion including a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder at a lower end of the first side surface.

122. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 116 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, a third door portion and a fourth door portion, each of said door portions including a side surface and a shoulder at a lower end of the side surface.

123. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 116 wherein said slider member includes a second transverse body segment.

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124. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 123 wherein said first transverse body segment being arranged at a first end of the main body portion and said second transverse body segment is at a second end of the main body portion.

125. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 116, wherein the main body portion includes a downwardly extending side leg segment disposed along a side thereof.

126. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 116 wherein the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position.

127. (Previously Presented) A storage container comprising:
a pair of complementary sheets;
a first fastening strip disposed along an edge portion of one sheet;
a second fastening strip disposed along an edge portion of the other sheet and disposed to interlockingly engage the first fastening strip; and
a slider member slidably disposed on the first and second fastening strips, the slider member facilitating the occlusion of the interlocking fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof, the slider member including a main body portion and a door portion which is hingedly attached to the main body portion along a hinge portion for movement between open and closed positions, the hinge portion being substantially perpendicular to the interlocking fastening strips when the main body portion is installed upon the fastening strips, the door portion of the slider member includes a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder disposed at a lower end of the first side surface, the main body portion includes a transverse body segment arranged substantially perpendicular to the main body portion and having a pair of downwardly extending side members with an opening therebetween, the opening being sized to receive the interlocking fastening strips.

128. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 127 wherein the slider member has a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the fastening strips.

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129. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 128 wherein the fastening strips have a width and the slider member has a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, said second gap is less than the width of the fastening strips.

130. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 127 wherein the fastening strips have a longitudinal X axis, a Y axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and a Z axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and the Y axis, the main body portion is parallel to the X axis, and the hinge portion is parallel to the Z axis.

131. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 127 wherein the first side surface is adjacent to the main body portion and the second side surface is adjacent to said transverse body segment when said door portion is in the closed position.

132. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 127 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, said second door portion including a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder at a lower end of the first side surface.

133. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 127 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, a third door portion and a fourth door portion, each of said door portions including a side surface and a shoulder at a lower end of the side surface.

134. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 127 wherein said slider member includes a second transverse body segment.

135. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 134 wherein said first transverse body segment being arranged at a first end of the main body portion and said second transverse body segment is at a second end of the main body portion.

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136. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 127, wherein the main body portion includes a downwardly extending side leg segment disposed along a side thereof, the side leg segment having a shoulder at a lower end thereof.

137. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 127 wherein the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position.

138. (Previously Presented) A method for manufacturing a closure device comprising the steps of:

providing interlocking fastening strips;

providing a slider member including a main body portion and a door portion which is hingedly attached to the main body portion along a hinge portion for movement between open and closed positions, the hinge portion being substantially perpendicular to the interlocking fastening strips when the main body portion is installed upon the fastening strips; and

positioning the slider member on the interlocking fastening strips when the door portion is in the open position and closing the door portion after the slider member is on the interlocking fastening strips, the slider member is slidably disposed on the interlocking fastening strips, the slider member facilitating the occlusion of the interlocking fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof, the door portion of the slider member includes a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder disposed at a lower end of the first side surface, the main body portion includes a transverse body segment arranged substantially perpendicular to the main body portion and having a pair of downwardly extending side members with an opening therebetween, the opening being sized to receive the interlocking fastening strips.

139. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 138 wherein the slider member has a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the fastening strips.

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140. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 139 wherein the fastening strips have a width and the slider member has a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, said second gap is less than the width of the fastening strips.

141. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 138 wherein the fastening strips have a longitudinal X axis, a Y axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and a Z axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and the Y axis, the main body portion is parallel to the X axis, and the hinge portion is parallel to the Z axis.

142. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 138 wherein the first side surface is adjacent to the main body portion and the second side surface is adjacent to said transverse body segment when said door portion is in the closed position.

143. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 138 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, said second door portion including a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder at a lower end of the first side surface.

144. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 138 wherein said slider member includes a second door portion, a third door portion and a fourth door portion, each of said door portions including a side surface and a shoulder at a lower end of the side surface.

145. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 138 wherein said slider member includes a second transverse body segment.

146. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 145 wherein said first transverse body segment being arranged at a first end of the main body portion and said second transverse body segment is at a second end of the main body portion.

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147. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 138, wherein the main body portion includes a downwardly extending side leg segment disposed along a side thereof, the side leg segment having a shoulder at a lower end thereof.

148. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 138 wherein the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position.

149. (Previously Presented) A closure device comprising:
interlocking fastening strips; and

a slider member slidably disposed on the interlocking fastening strips, the slider member facilitating the occlusion of the interlocking fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof, the slider member including a main body portion and a door portion which is hingedly attached to the main body portion along a hinge portion for movement between open and closed positions, the hinge portion being substantially perpendicular to the interlocking fastening strips when the main body portion is installed upon the fastening strips, the door portion of the slider member includes a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder disposed at a lower end of the first side surface, the main body portion includes a downwardly extending side leg segment disposed along a side thereof and a transverse body segment disposed at an end thereof, the side leg segment having a shoulder at a lower end thereof and the transverse body segment having a pair of spaced-apart side members with an opening therebetween.

150. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 149 wherein the slider member has a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the fastening strips.

151. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 150 wherein the fastening strips have a width and the slider member has a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, said second gap is less than the width of the fastening strips.

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152. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 149 wherein the fastening strips have a longitudinal X axis, a Y axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and a Z axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and the Y axis, the main body portion is parallel to the X axis, and the hinge portion is parallel to the Z axis.

153. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 149 wherein the first side surface is adjacent to the main body portion and the second side surface is adjacent to said transverse body segment when said door portion is in the closed position.

154. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 149 wherein the door portion includes a notch which is proximal to its hinge portion.

155. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim ~~149~~ 154 wherein the notch of the door portion and the side leg segment of the main body portion are separated by a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, the first gap being large enough to receive the interlocking fastening strips.

156. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 149 wherein the shoulder of the side wall surface and the shoulder of the leg segment are separated by a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, the second gap being less than the width of the interlocking fastening strips.

157. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 149 wherein the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position.

158. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 157 wherein the latching mechanism comprises an appendage projecting outwardly from said door portion and a cooperating notch formed in the main body portion, the appendage having a barb at its distal end, the notch of the latching mechanism capturing the barb of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved into the closed position.

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159. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 157 wherein the latching mechanism comprises a protuberance formed along said transverse body segment of the main body portion and a cooperating chamfer formed along an edge of said door portion, the protuberance of the latching mechanism interlockingly engaging the chamfer of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved into the closed position.

160. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 157 wherein the latching mechanism comprises a generally arcuate appendage projecting outwardly from said door portion and a generally arcuate cooperating slot formed in said transverse body segment of the main body portion, the slot of the latching mechanism having a first notch formed along its length and the appendage of the latching mechanism having a first barb formed along its length, the slot of the latching mechanism receiving the appendage of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved toward the closed position while said first barb of the appendage interacts with said first notch of the slot to provide a first assembly position for said door portion.

161. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 160 wherein said slot includes a second notch and said first barb interacts with said second notch to provide a second assembly position for said door portion.

162. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 160 wherein said first assembly position is a closed position.

163. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 161 wherein said second assembly position is an open position.

164. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 161 wherein said appendage having a second barb and said second barb interacts with said second notch in said second assembly position.

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165. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 149 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise U-channel type fastening strips.

166. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 149 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise shear action fastening strips.

167. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 149 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise arrowhead-type fastening strips.

168. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 149 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise rolling action fastening strips.

169. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 149 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise profile fastening strips.

170. (Previously Presented) A slider member adapted to facilitate the occlusion of interlocking fastening strips, the slider member comprising:

a main body portion which is adapted to be installed upon the interlocking fastening strips; and

a door portion which is hingedly attached to the main body portion along a hinge portion for movement between open and closed positions, the hinge portion being substantially perpendicular to the interlocking fastening strips when the main body portion is installed upon the fastening strips, the door portion of the slider member includes a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder disposed at a lower end of the first side surface, the main body portion includes a downwardly extending side leg segment disposed along a side thereof and a transverse body segment disposed at an end thereof, the side leg segment having a shoulder at a lower end thereof and the transverse body segment having a pair of spaced-apart side members with an opening therebetween.

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171. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 170 wherein the slider member has a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the fastening strips.

172. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 171 wherein the fastening strips have a width and the slider member has a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, said second gap is less than the width of the fastening strips.

173. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 170 wherein the fastening strips have a longitudinal X axis, a Y axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and a Z axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and the Y axis, the main body portion is parallel to the X axis, and the hinge portion is parallel to the Z axis.

174. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 170 wherein the first side surface is adjacent to the main body portion and the second side surface is adjacent to said transverse body segment when said door portion is in the closed position.

175. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 170 wherein the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position.

176. (Previously Presented) A storage container comprising:
a pair of complementary sheets;
a first fastening strip disposed along an edge portion of one sheet;
a second fastening strip disposed along an edge portion of the other sheet and disposed to interlockingly engage the first fastening strip; and
a slider member slidably disposed on the first and second fastening strips, the slider member facilitating the occlusion of the interlocking fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof, the slider member including a main body portion and a door portion which is hingedly attached to the main body portion along a hinge portion for movement between open and closed positions, the hinge portion being substantially perpendicular to the

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interlocking fastening strips when the main body portion is installed upon the fastening strips, the door portion of the slider member includes a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder disposed at a lower end of the first side surface, the main body portion includes a downwardly extending side leg segment disposed along a side thereof and a transverse body segment disposed at an end thereof, the side leg segment having a shoulder at a lower end thereof and the transverse body segment having a pair of spaced-apart side members with an opening therebetween.

177. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 176 wherein the slider member has a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the fastening strips.

178. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 177 wherein the fastening strips have a width and the slider member has a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, said second gap is less than the width of the fastening strips.

179. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 176 wherein the fastening strips have a longitudinal X axis, a Y axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and a Z axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and the Y axis, the main body portion is parallel to the X axis, and the hinge portion is parallel to the Z axis.

180. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 176 wherein the first side surface is adjacent to the main body portion and the second side surface is adjacent to said transverse body segment when said door portion is in the closed position.

181. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 176 wherein the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position.

182. (Previously Presented) A method for manufacturing a closure device comprising the steps of:

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providing interlocking fastening strips;

providing a slider member including a main body portion and a door portion which is hingedly attached to the main body portion along a hinge portion for movement between open and closed positions, the hinge portion being substantially perpendicular to the interlocking fastening strips when the main body portion is installed upon the fastening strips; and

positioning the slider member on the interlocking fastening strips when the door portion is in the open position and closing the door portion after the slider member is on the interlocking fastening strips, the slider member is slidably disposed on the interlocking fastening strips, the slider member facilitating the occlusion of the interlocking fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof, the door portion of the slider member includes a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder disposed at a lower end of the first side surface, the main body portion includes a downwardly extending side leg segment disposed along a side thereof and a transverse body segment disposed at an end thereof, the side leg segment having a shoulder at a lower end thereof and the transverse body segment having a pair of spaced-apart side members with an opening therebetween.

183. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 182 wherein the slider member has a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the fastening strips.

184. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 183 wherein the fastening strips have a width and the slider member has a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, said second gap is less than the width of the fastening strips.

185. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 182 wherein the fastening strips have a longitudinal X axis, a Y axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and a Z axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and the Y axis, the main body portion is parallel to the X axis, and the hinge portion is parallel to the Z axis.

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186. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 182 wherein the first side surface is adjacent to the main body portion and the second side surface is adjacent to said transverse body segment when said door portion is in the closed position.

187. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 182 wherein the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position.

188. (Previously Presented) A closure device comprising:
interlocking fastening strips; and

a slider member slidably disposed on the interlocking fastening strips, the slider member facilitating the occlusion of the interlocking fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof, the slider member including a main body portion and a door portion which is hingedly attached to the main body portion along a hinge portion for movement between open and closed positions, the hinge portion being substantially perpendicular to the interlocking fastening strips when the main body portion is installed upon the fastening strips, the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position, the latching mechanism is integral with the slider member.

189. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 188 wherein the slider member has a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the fastening strips.

190. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 189 wherein the fastening strips have a width and the slider member has a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, said second gap is less than the width of the fastening strips.

191. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 188 wherein the fastening strips have a longitudinal X axis, a Y axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and a Z axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and the Y axis, the main body portion is parallel to the X axis, and the hinge portion is parallel to the Z axis.

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192. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 188 wherein the door portion of the slider member includes a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder disposed at a lower end of the first side surface.

193. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 188 wherein the latching mechanism comprises an appendage projecting outwardly from said door portion and a cooperating notch formed in the main body portion, the appendage having a barb at its distal end, the notch of the latching mechanism capturing the barb of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved into the closed position.

194. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 188 wherein the main body portion includes a transverse body segment.

195. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 194 wherein the latching mechanism comprises a protuberance formed along said transverse body segment of the main body portion and a cooperating chamfer formed along an edge of said door portion, the protuberance of the latching mechanism interlockingly engaging the chamfer of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved into the closed position.

196. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 194 wherein the latching mechanism comprises a generally arcuate appendage projecting outwardly from said door portion and a generally arcuate cooperating slot formed in said transverse body segment of the main body portion, the slot of the latching mechanism having a first notch formed along its length and the appendage of the latching mechanism having a first barb formed along its length, the slot of the latching mechanism receiving the appendage of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved toward the closed position while said first barb of the appendage interacts with said first notch of the slot to provide a first assembly position for said door portion.

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197. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 196 wherein said slot includes a second notch and said first barb interacts with said second notch to provide a second assembly position for said door portion.

198. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 196 wherein said first assembly position is a closed position.

199. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 197 wherein said second assembly position is an open position.

200. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 197 wherein said appendage having a second barb and said second barb interacts with said second notch in said second assembly position.

201. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 188 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise U-channel type fastening strips.

202. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 188 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise shear action fastening strips.

203. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 188 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise arrowhead-type fastening strips.

204. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 188 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise rolling action fastening strips.

205. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 188 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise profile fastening strips.

206. (Previously Presented) A slider member adapted to facilitate the occlusion of interlocking fastening strips, the slider member comprising:

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a main body portion which is adapted to be installed upon the interlocking fastening strips; and

a door portion which is hingedly attached to the main body portion along a hinge portion for movement between open and closed positions, the hinge portion being substantially perpendicular to the interlocking fastening strips when the main body portion is installed upon the fastening strips, the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position, the latching mechanism is integral with the slider member.

207. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 206 wherein the slider member has a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the fastening strips.

208. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 207 wherein the fastening strips have a width and the slider member has a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, said second gap is less than the width of the fastening strips.

209. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 206 wherein the fastening strips have a longitudinal X axis, a Y axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and a Z axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and the Y axis, the main body portion is parallel to the X axis, and the hinge portion is parallel to the Z axis.

210. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 206 wherein the door portion of the slider member includes a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder disposed at a lower end of the first side surface.

211. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 206 wherein the latching mechanism comprises an appendage projecting outwardly from said door portion and a cooperating notch formed in the main body portion, the appendage having a barb at its distal end, the notch of the latching mechanism capturing the barb of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved into the closed position.

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212. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 206 wherein the main body portion includes a transverse body segment.

213. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 212 wherein the latching mechanism comprises a protuberance formed along said transverse body segment of the main body portion and a cooperating chamfer formed along an edge of said door portion, the protuberance of the latching mechanism interlockingly engaging the chamfer of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved into the closed position.

214. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 212 wherein the latching mechanism comprises a generally arcuate appendage projecting outwardly from said door portion and a generally arcuate cooperating slot formed in said transverse body segment of the main body portion, the slot of the latching mechanism having a first notch formed along its length and the appendage of the latching mechanism having a first barb formed along its length, the slot of the latching mechanism receiving the appendage of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved toward the closed position while said first barb of the appendage interacts with said first notch of the slot to provide a first assembly position for said door portion.

215. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 214 wherein said slot includes a second notch and said first barb interacts with said second notch to provide a second assembly position for said door.

216. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 214 wherein said first assembly position is a closed position.

217. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 215 wherein said second assembly position is an open position.

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218. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 215 wherein said appendage having a second barb and said second barb interacts with said second notch in said second assembly position.

219. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 206 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise U-channel type fastening strips.

220. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 206 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise shear action fastening strips.

221. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 206 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise arrowhead-type fastening strips.

222. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 206 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise rolling action fastening strips.

223. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 206 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise profile fastening strips.

224. (Previously Presented) A storage container comprising:
a pair of complementary sheets;
a first fastening strip disposed along an edge portion of one sheet;
a second fastening strip disposed along an edge portion of the other sheet and disposed to interlockingly engage the first fastening strip; and
a slider member slidably disposed on the first and second fastening strips, the slider member facilitating the occlusion of the interlocking fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof, the slider member including a main body portion and a door portion which is hingedly attached to the main body portion along a hinge portion for movement between open and closed positions, the hinge portion being substantially perpendicular to the interlocking fastening strips when the main body portion is installed upon the fastening strips.

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the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position, the latching mechanism is integral with the slider member.

225. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 224 wherein the slider member has a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the fastening strips.

226. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 225 wherein the fastening strips have a width and the slider member has a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, said second gap is less than the width of the fastening strips.

227. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 224 wherein the fastening strips have a longitudinal X axis, a Y axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and a Z axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and the Y axis, the main body portion is parallel to the X axis, and the hinge portion is parallel to the Z axis.

228. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 224 wherein the door portion of the slider member includes a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder disposed at a lower end of the first side surface.

229. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 224 wherein the latching mechanism comprises an appendage projecting outwardly from said door portion and a cooperating notch formed in the main body portion, the appendage having a barb at its distal end, the notch of the latching mechanism capturing the barb of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved into the closed position.

230. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 224 wherein the main body portion includes a transverse body segment.

231. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 230 wherein the latching mechanism comprises a protuberance formed along said transverse body segment of the main

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body portion and a cooperating chamfer formed along an edge of said door portion, the protuberance of the latching mechanism interlockingly engaging the chamfer of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved into the closed position.

232. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 230 wherein the latching mechanism comprises a generally arcuate appendage projecting outwardly from said door portion and a generally arcuate cooperating slot formed in said transverse body segment of the main body portion, the slot of the latching mechanism having a first notch formed along its length and the appendage of the latching mechanism having a first barb formed along its length, the slot of the latching mechanism receiving the appendage of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved toward the closed position while said first barb of the appendage interacts with said first notch of the slot to provide a first assembly position for said door portion.

233. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 232 wherein said slot includes a second notch and said first barb interacts with said second notch to provide a second assembly position for said door portion.

234. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 232 wherein said first assembly position is a closed position.

235. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 233 wherein said second assembly position is an open position.

236. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 233 wherein said appendage having a second barb and said second barb interacts with said second notch in said second assembly position.

237. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 224 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise U-channel type fastening strips.

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238. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 224 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise shear action fastening strips.

239. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 224 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise arrowhead-type fastening strips.

240. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 224 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise rolling action fastening strips.

241. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 224 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise profile fastening strips.

242. (Previously Presented) A method for manufacturing a closure device comprising the steps of:

providing interlocking fastening strips;

providing a slider member including a main body portion and a door portion which is hingedly attached to the main body portion along a hinge portion for movement between open and closed positions, the hinge portion being substantially perpendicular to the interlocking fastening strips when the main body portion is installed upon the fastening strips; and

positioning the slider member on the interlocking fastening strips when the door portion is in the open position and closing the door portion after the slider member is on the interlocking fastening strips, the slider member is slidably disposed on the interlocking fastening strips, the slider member facilitating the occlusion of the interlocking fastening when moved towards a first end thereof, the slider member further includes a latching mechanism for retaining said door portion in the closed position, the latching mechanism is integral with the slider member.

243. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 242 wherein the slider member has a first gap when the door portion is in the open position, said first gap is large enough to receive the fastening strips.

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244. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 243 wherein the fastening strips have a width and the slider member has a second gap when the door portion is in the closed position, said second gap is less than the width of the fastening strips.

245. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 242 wherein the fastening strips have a longitudinal X axis, a Y axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and a Z axis which is perpendicular to the X axis and the Y axis, the main body portion is parallel to the X axis, and the hinge portion is parallel to the Z axis.

246. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 242 wherein the door portion of the slider member includes a first side surface, a second side surface, and a shoulder disposed at a lower end of the first side surface.

247. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 242 wherein the latching mechanism comprises an appendage projecting outwardly from said door portion and a cooperating notch formed in the main body portion, the appendage having a barb at its distal end, the notch of the latching mechanism capturing the barb of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved into the closed position.

248. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 242 wherein the main body portion includes a transverse body segment.

249. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 248 wherein the latching mechanism comprises a protuberance formed along said transverse body segment of the main body portion and a cooperating chamfer formed along an edge of said door portion, the protuberance of the latching mechanism interlockingly engaging the chamfer of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved into the closed position.

250. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 248 wherein the latching mechanism comprises a generally arcuate appendage projecting outwardly from said door

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portion and a generally arcuate cooperating slot formed in said transverse body segment of the main body portion, the slot of the latching mechanism having a first notch formed along its length and the appendage of the latching mechanism having a first barb formed along its length, the slot of the latching mechanism receiving the appendage of the latching mechanism when said door portion is moved toward the closed position while said first barb of the appendage interacts with said first notch of the slot to provide a first assembly position for said door portion.

251. (Currently Amended) The invention as in claim 250 wherein said slot includes a second notch and said first barb interacts with said second notch to provide a second assembly position for said door portion.

252. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 250 wherein said first assembly position is a closed position.

253. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 251 wherein said second assembly position is an open position.

254. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 251 wherein said appendage having a second barb and said second barb interacts with said second notch in said second assembly position.

255. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 242 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise U-channel type fastening strips.

256. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 242 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise shear action fastening strips.

257. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 242 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise arrowhead-type fastening strips.

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258. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 242 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise rolling action fastening strips.

259. (Previously Presented) The invention as in claim 242 wherein the interlocking fastening strips comprise profile fastening strips.